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To: "Katherine Williams" <katherine.williams@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/2226

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/10/2026 11:17 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Burgess Hill School For Girls Keymer Road Burgess Hill West Sussex RH15 0EG
Proposal:	Revision to hours of operation of floodlighting, which seeks a permanent extension to the hours of use of the floodlights to 21:00 Monday - Friday.
Case Officer:	Katherine Williams

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Customer Details

Address:	5 Ferndale Road Burgess Hill
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Comments Details

Comment er Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the applications, DM/26/2226 and DM/26/2225, seeking permanent permission to extend the operational hours of the floodlights to 2100 hours Monday to Friday. The proposals go against provisions in the Mid Sussex Local Plan, viz.

DPN7 Noise Impacts - the noise assessment is incomplete as it does not take into account the peak intermittent sudden noises associated with sport - shouting, etc. which occur throughout play. The use of the courts by members of the public would be unsupervised, noisy both on the courts and from car parking and general traffic noise.

DPN8 Light Impacts & Dark Skies-there has been no reference to the adverse effects of light pollution and the considerable impact upon the Conservation Area and to residents bordering the school from the extended hours in a quiet residential area.

The original 1900 hour restriction on floodlight use was explicitly put into place to strike a fair balance between the school's sporting activities and local residential amenity. Extending the use of floodlights to 2100 hours removes this safeguard.

The temporary extension , subject of applications DM/25/1057 and DM/25/1058, was granted to allow an impact assessment. Are the results of these trials available?

So far as I am aware the use of the courts has been restricted to normal school hours and I cannot recall the use of the courts to 9pm so I would have thought it would have been difficult to arrive at any conclusions from any Impact Assessment that was carried out.

I find it hard to see why this application has been submitted other than for the financial gain of the school as it is unlikely that school pupils would be using the facilities at that time of night.

For the reasons outlined above the proposed extension of floodlighting hours represents an unneighbourly form of development that adversely impacts upon this residential area.

I strongly urge the Council to refuse permanent planning consent to both these applications for these extended hours.

Where did you hear about this applicatio n?	Not specified
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Kind regards